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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 2360

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, GW, PO

SUBJ: FRG REQUEST FOR LOGISTICAL AIR SUPPORT

REF: BONN 6100 (DTG 101122Z APR 76)

1. I STRONGLY SUPPORT PROPOSAL THAT US ASSIST WITH TRANSPORT
TO PORTUGAL OF GERMAN COLOR TV EQUIPMENT FOR ELECTION COVERAGE.

2. EMBASSY BONN IS RIGHT IN SAYING THAT THIS COULD REINFORCE
DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS AND PROCESSES IN PORTUGAL, AND, IN ITSELF,
BE A STABILIZING INFLUENCE ON THE ELECTION PROCESS. INTERIOR
MINISTER ALMEIDA E COSTA JUST CALLED ME AND MADE PRECISELY
THAT POINT. ALMEIDA E COSTA, THE MAN WHO ORGANIZED LAST YEAR'S
WELL-RUN ELECTIONS AND IS SUPERVISING THIS YEAR'S, IS A STAUNCH
FRIEND OF OURS AND A PRECEPTIVE POLITICAL OBSERVER.

3. ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND FRG INCLINATION TO USE THEIR
BASE IN BEJA, WE WOULD URGE THAT C-5 BE LANDED IN LISBON.
LANDING A C-5 AT BEJA, AN ISOLATED, HEAVILY COMMUNIST
DISTRICT, WOULD LOOK STRANGE AND SUSPICIOUS TO THE PORTUGUESE,
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WHEREAS PORTUGUESE MEDIA WOULD GIVE FULL AND OPEN PLAY

TO LISBON ARRIVAL, PREVENTING SPECULATION THAT THERE WAS ANYTHING SURREPTITIOUS ABOUT THE AIRLIFT. GOP WOULD ENSURE THAT MEDIA MADE IT CLEAR THAT REQUEST FOR AIRLIFT CAME FROM PORTUGUESE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT CERTIFY AIRLIFT WOULD BE IN NATIONAL INTEREST.

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